

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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COAL INDIA LIMITED
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the demurrage charges paid by each subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) to the railways for delayed transportation of the goods and or for any other reasons during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government have taken steps to minimise the charges of demurrage to be paid to the railways by those subsidiaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): The demurrage charges paid to the Railways by the coal companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) during the last four years is given below:-

(Figures in Rs. Crores)

Name of Company	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02 +
Eastern Coalfields Limited	3.38	2.64	3.29	0.65 (upto July, 01)
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	7.83	6.07	7.26	4.58
Central Coalfields Limited	4.45	2.85	3.14	2.14
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	0.11	0.11	0.01	
Western Coalfields Limited	1.43	0.38	0.69	0.25
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	2.30	1.43	1.16	0.83
Northern Coalfields Limited	0.03	0.00	0.70	0.10 (upto December, 01)
North Eastern Coalfields	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.01
Total : CIL	19.60	13.53	16.29	8.56

+ Provisional ++ Still under negotiation with the Railways.

(b)&(c): Coal India Limited and its coal companies have taken following steps to minimise the demurrage charges to the extent possible:-

- i) Streamlining the loading infrastructure facilities.
- ii) Close coordination with the Railways for placement of wagons to the sidings and monitoring of wagons indenting accordingly so that rakes are placed in those sidings where coal is available.
- iii) Regular transportation of coal to the sidings in order to ensure adequate stock at the sidings for loading of the rakes/wagons within the stipulated time.
- iv) Preventive maintenance is being done to minimise the breakdown of CHPs, Feeder Breakers and other Loading equipment.